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Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. I, too, rise in support of the amendment. The word "indirect" costs could have been anything that the department may have deemed necessary. But, Senator Bohlke, I have one question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If, on the fingerprinting process that will be done, and the department decides they need to hire another individual or even a part, half-time individual, would those costs be considered direct costs that would be transferred to the applicants that would have to pay for that as well?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Senator Bernard-Stevens, and I think that has always been anticipated if that were to happen.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. That's still an area of concern that I have. I always believe that any department that feels that they need more staff should go through the process of saying we need another FTE, or another half-time FTE, and go through the appropriations process and actually get it within its budget to do so. But for the time being I'm willing to...this certainly improves it by taking away "indirect". I might want to try to clarify, on Select File, that the, you know, "direct" only refers to the process of the fingerprinting, that the department would simply have to do it with the personnel that they have, otherwise ask for more General Fund appropriation, so it wouldn't be borne by those trying to teach in the state of Nebraska. But for this moment the amendment is a good one, and we'll continue to discuss those topics between now and Select File.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Any further discussion on the Bohlke amendment? Seeing none, Senator Bohlke, to close. Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the Bohlke amendment to LB 754. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Bohlke's amendment.